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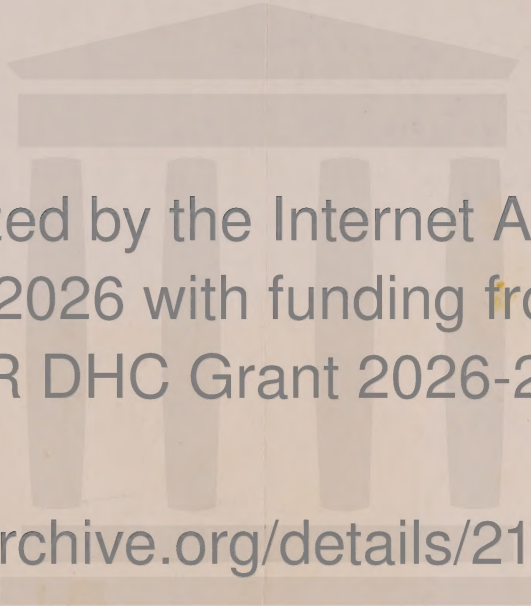
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Dear Marge,

I hope that this letter finds you well. I was glad to hear that you are well. George told me on Sunday that you had called.

I am slowly getting back into the swing of things. I am so glad to be back in the USA. I'm looking for work & want to get settled as soon as is possible. I'm staying with my sister until I can get going on my own. It is ok, since my sister & I get along well but it does limit my "social life".

My book of poetry is due for release within 6 ~~more~~ weeks. I'm excited about that. This is one thing that I have dreamed



of for a long time

I have gotten into full participation here in Providence. George & I have had a couple of long talks & he has made me a diacon-candidate. Right now, we are planning for the NE District Conference on Feb 15th weekend. It is good to see a lot of old friends &, of course, meet new ones. It is really good to be back with MCC.

Well, I have rambled on enough. Best wishes & prayers for you in sunny California. Just remember us back here in cold RUT,

In Jesus' Name,

Richard
Matera

OPTIONS

RIGTF NEWS

Vol. 1 No. 6 November, 1982

3 RACES

J.K. Gaffney

Is there a "gay vote" in Rhode Island? As with all too many other questions, the answer here is an unequivocal, "yes, no and perhaps." Yes, lesbians and gay men undoubtedly make up about the same proportion of the electorate as they do in the general public. No, generally in this country and certainly in Rhode Island, we have not voted in any sort of coherent bloc as other various groups are perceived to do. Perhaps - and this is the critical point here - in 1982 lesbians and gay men can have a decisive effect in a number of elections. In identifying those races where a "gay vote" might be critical, I would suggest three criteria for judgement. First, is the position one where, on issues of concern to us, the nature of the office itself such that it makes a difference who is elected? Second, are the differences between the candidates on our issues significant enough to make a difference? Third, is the race close enough so that our participation is of greatest importance? In 1982, on the basis of Rhode Island Gay Task Force Political Committee meetings with the principal candidates, three election races seem to us to be of real importance.



The first of these is the election for U.S. Senate. In that campaign the Republican incumbent, John Chafee, faces serious challenge from Democrat Julius Michaelson, a former State Attorney General. The U.S. Senate, of course, considers a number of issues of concern to us, such as reform of immigration and naturalization laws to end the exclusion of homosexuals and amendments to offer equal opportunity rights protection on the basis of sexual orientation. The difference in attitude between the two candidates is striking. Michaelson, who has developed a reputation as a liberal Democrat while serving in state government and in his private law practice, has mounted a well-financed campaign in what figures to be, nationally, a strong Democratic year. Nonetheless, his reputation to the contrary, Michaelson greatly disappointed RIGTF interviewers who met with him. Alone among the candidates interviewed, Michaelson requested to speak "off the record," a request which was granted. The details of our conversation cannot, therefore, be relayed here. The RIGTF interviewers concluded, however, that the Democrat was utterly lacking in sensitivity, understanding or courage of conviction in dealing with gay and lesbian concerns. Of all our interviews, it was no doubt the most unsatisfactory. For his part, the incumbent Senator John Chafee proved himself well informed on gay issues, open to discussion about his political concerns regarding them and supportive overall of our positions. Senator Chafee's record on issues reviewed by the Gay Rights National Lobby is perfect. His election is clearly preferable.



Another incumbent with a perfect rating from the Gay Rights National Lobby is Rep. Claudine Schneider, of the 2nd Congressional District. Rep. Schneider has committed herself to the fullest support of "sexual orientation amendments to federal civil rights legislation." Her re-election will be a major asset to gay and lesbian rights nation-wide. Her Democrat opponent, James Aukerman, did not respond to RIGTF requests for a meeting. Lesbian and gay men undoubtedly made a difference in Schneider's 1980 victory over Rep. Ed Beard. We need to turn out in the same way to ensure her re-election this year. The Gay Rights National Lobby has targeted Rep. Schneider for special support.

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CANDIDATE SURVEY

Two years ago the Gay Task Force sent out letters to all candidates for state and federal offices. Most declined to respond to questions asked regarding gay civil rights. This year, however, most candidates agreed to meet with the political committee personally. Questions presented to the candidates varied according to the office sought, but the focus was on anti-discrimination legislation, executive orders prohibiting discrimination, and decriminalization. Below are the results of our survey. Several candidates who could not meet with us before the election indicated a willingness to meet in the future. We'll keep you updated in OPTIONS.

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

J. Joseph Garrahy: Although a meeting with an aide was arranged, we declined as we have met in person with all other candidates. Nothing on his position either way is known.

Vincent Marzullo: He agreed to support four issues discussed: 1) an executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation for state employment and services, 2) decriminalization legislation, 3) anti-discrimination legislation, and 4) executive order prohibiting discrimination by contractors doing business with the State.

Hilary Salk: She was supportive on all issues raised similarly to those above.

CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Thomas DiLuglio: Did not return the committee phone calls.

Duncan Doolittle: Committed to supporting legislation to protect the rights of gay men and lesbians and to issuing a non-discrimination directive.

PERCENTAGE

Since gay issues have not arisen in the State Legislature, you might wish to use what follows -- a list of State Representatives and Senators with a rating on how they voted on issues identified by the Women's Political Caucus as important to women. There were 8 bills passed and if a legislator voted in accord with the stand of the WPC on all eight bills, his or her rating would be 100%, 7 out of 8 times, 88%, etc. The list is arranged by districts with the town or city beside it and the legislators name and rating following.

The bills by which the legislators were judged are:

- 81 S 9-----a woman's name change upon divorce
- 82 S 2525 sub A--informed consent abortion
- 82 S 2524 sub A--domestic violence
- 82 S 2431 -----child support study commission
- 82 S 2727 sub A--husband notification of abortion
- 82 H 7768 sub A--spousal rape
- 82 H 7179-----child support tax refund garnishment
- 82 H 7876 sub A--redistricting

SENATE

1	Providence	Donald Hickey	63%
2	Providence	Lila Sapinsley	100%
3	Providence	Richard Licht	63%
4	Providence	Rocco Quattrocchi	50%
5	Prov. John N. Prov.	James D'Ambr	63%
6	Providence	William Zuccarelli	63%
7	Providence	John Bevilacqua	50%
8	Providence	John Orabona	63%
9	Providence	John O'Leary	38%
10	Providence	Richard Patterson	63%
11	Cranston	David Sholes	50%
12	Cranston	Richard McAllister	63%
13	Cranston	John D'Amico	00%
14	Cranston	Eleanor Sasso	63%
15	Warwick	Gloria Kennedy Fleck	88%
16	Warwick	William Inglesby	38%
17	Warwick	Thomas Lynch	25%
18	Warwick	John Revens	63%

CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dennis Roberts: Did not return the committee's phone calls.

Arlene Violet: Indicated strong support for anti-discrimination legislation, decriminalization, and would issue a departmental directive prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

John Chaffee: Supportive of Senate Bill 1708 which prohibits discrimination against gay persons in employment. Though he expressed reservations regarding the ramifications of the bill in areas such as public education and the military service, he was open to discussion to resolve his concerns.

Julius Michaelson: Refused to commit himself on issues raised by the committee and indicated a general lack of sensitivity.

CANDIDATES FOR U.S. HOUSE

District One

Fernand St. Germain: Declined to meet with us at the time.

Burt Stallwood: Though he stated any discrimination is improper, he did not feel federal protective legislation was appropriate.

District Two

James Aukerman: Did not return the committee's phone calls.

Claudine Schneider: Her record is excellent on gay related issues. The Gay Rights National Lobby has given her a 100% rating. She has promised full support of House Bill 1454 which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

19	W. Warwick	Bruce Morin	38%
20	Coventry	Walter Mruk	50%
21	Coventry, Exeter, Jamestown, N.K., W.G.	Jonathan Farnum	75%
22	E.G., N.K. Warwick	John Romano	63%
23	N.K.	Robert Motherway	50%
24	Narr., S.K.	William O'Neill	50%
25	Charlestown, Richmond, Hopkinton, Exet., S.K.	Edward Marth	88%
26	Westerly, N. Shore.	James Federico	63%
27	Burr., Fos. Glocester	Irene Smith	63%
28	Johnston	Thomas DiLuglio	13%
29	Smithfield Scituate	Michael Flynn	75%
30	Woon., N.S.	James Hagan	25%
31	Woonsocket	Jerome Smith	63%
32	Woon., Cumb.	Alphonse Auclair	50%
33	Cumberland	Paul Hanaway	25%
34	Lincoln, Cumb., Woon.	John Lyle	NA
35	Cen. Falls	John Gilgun	63%
36	No. Prov.	Anthony Marciano	63%
37	Pawtucket	Leo Gannon	75%
38	Pawtucket	John McBurney	38%
39	Pawt., C.F.	John Sabatini	63%
40	Pawtucket	Lowell Kinch	63%
41	Pawt., E.P.	Marilyn Shannon	38%
42	East Prov.	William Castro	63%
43	East Prov.	William Bowen	63%
44	Barrington East Prov.	Robert Janes	100%
45	Bristol Warren	George Lima	38%
46	Warren Bristol	Gardner Seveney	50%
47	Warren	Guido Canulla	25%
48	Middletown Little Comp	Joseph Chaves	50%
49	Newport	David Carlin	50%
50	Newport	Robert McKenna	63%

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EDITORIAL

Fayette

HISTOIRE DE MA VIE, or, I WAS SO BUSY THAT DAY! A very short play

Setting: The once chic living room of what was once a very tasteful home. All is in disarray. The Mercedes and the Jeep are pulled up to the front door. The staff is terribly busy moving crates as quickly as possible. All is in disarray. The priceless collection of watercolors by Madame Shoumatoff has been removed earlier for safekeeping. Louis bergeres mingle on the top of the Mercedes with Sheraton sidechairs which took years to buy at Christie auctions. Boxes of Russian silver line the back seats and Vuitton trunks filled with Armani suits await their turn, to be packed into the dark recesses of the Jeep. Export Ware is scattered across the lush lawn, waiting for an uncertain future. Chaos has descended. The future is uncertain. All vision is clouded.

Characters: Two bearded young princes (well, perhaps no longer so youthful, but still bearded and vibrant) sit,

sipping Campari and soda, on that very spot where the previous day rested a museum-quality Abusson, now rolled-up and sent ahead for safekeeping. The two men don't understand why their world has fallen apart in such a short time. It's difficult to grasp. How could it have happened here. Alex: But I still don't understand! How could they do this to us? I know they don't like faggots and dykes, but we've never bothered them. Why should they make us leave now? We've always led a quiet, tasteful existence. Our bars and discos have been hidden away on side street and we've been sure not to offend their sensibilities. Why, every time there's been cases of discrimination and/or brutality, we've never said a word, never pressed charges, never made trouble. We've done everything we could to make sure our existence was minimized. Why it's even happening in the big cities across the country. Didn't you see that special on the television a few weeks ago? All the biggies were there. The former vice-president of the country, congressman, senators - everybody! Of course they wanted our support - of course they took our money. How should I know why they wouldn't openly support us when ABC asked to interview them

and ask their views of "gay liberation". Do you really think they were taking us for a ride? I know, I know, you're always telling me that talk is cheap. But I didn't think it could happen here! Max: I told you we should have gotten out and voted. But, no, we were too busy that day. Besides, there wasn't any need to - or at least I thought so. All those other gay men and lesbians who're so involved in politics. I thought they'd get out and vote and I wouldn't have to bother. Do you think that if we had all gotten out and voted that it would have made a difference? I guess that old adage is true - there's power in numbers! I guess there's nothing we can do now. They've all voted against us - Congress, the Senate, the House, on every level. Federal, State, Municipal. It's the law now, all across the land. Homosexuals and lesbians will no longer be tolerated. They're all being sent away for "rehabilitation". But I read the directive, Alex. It says that if and when we're completely cured we'll be allowed to return home and resume a "normal" life. But still, it makes me wonder? Who would ever have thought it could have happened here

THREE RACES, continued

As chief law enforcement officer for the state, the Attorney General clearly can have an impact on the quality of life for homosexual Rhode Islanders. Incumbent Attorney General Dennis Roberts (who declined to meet with RIGTF interviewers) has already established a negative record in this regard. It was, most notably, on Roberts' insistence that two state agencies were compelled to delete non-discrimination policies regarding lesbians and gay men which they had voluntarily adopted. Nothing else in Roberts' record commends itself to voters concerned with gay issues.



In marked contrast is Sister Arlene Violet, Republican candidate for Attorney General. On every issue of concern raised by RIGTF interviewers, Sr. Violet indicated her full support. In an office where it would make a difference, Sr. Violet would make a difference. Were it not for the opposition of the Roman Catholic Bishop, Sr. Violet would probably be an easy winner here. But this election will not be easy; gay and lesbian support could be critical. In other elections - governor, for example - the difference between the candidates is substantial, but there is virtually no doubt of the outcome. Still others - Secretary of State is one positive example here - offer two candidates with substantially similar positions on our issues. Thus, these are important elections, but without significant "gay content."

It has not gone unnoticed that we have here recommended three Republican candidates. This despite the fact that the National Democratic Party, in its platform of 1980, endorsed a pro-gay position, just as the far-right was taking over the National Republican Party. The irony is certainly there, but then, Rhode Island politics always were different.

And one final question. Should lesbians and gay men cast their votes based solely on these issues? We can just respond: only if we do so will there be a "gay vote." And only if there is a "gay vote" will we have a voice in public policy affecting our lives. If we do not stand by those who support us, we may rest assured they will not be around to support us for long. VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

(The above article represents the consensus of the political committee thought. It does not represent the endorsement or positions of the Rhode Island Gay Task Force, which has made no endorsements.)

PERCENTAGE SURVEY, continued

HOUSE

1	Providence	Joseph Casinelli	63%
2	Prov. E.P.	Joseph Lima	63%
3	Providence	Frederick Lippitt	75%
4	Providence	Victoria Lederberg	63%
5	Providence	Vito Saritelli	50%
6	Providence	Dominick Ruggerio	63%
7	Providence	Albert Forte	25%
8	Prov., N.P.	Armand Bastastini	63%
9	Providence	John Skeffington	63%
10	Prov., N.P.	Kevan McKenna	38%
11	Prov., John	Alfred Cardente	63%
12	Providence	Anthony Carnevale	63%
13	Prov., Cran.	Frank Fiorenzano	38%
14	Providence	Aldo Freda	50%
15	Providence	Anthony Marcolivio	63%
16	Providence	Robert Gemma	50%
17	Providence	Matthew Smith	NA
18	Providence	Elizabeth Morancy	63%
19	Providence	Leonard Walker	63%
20	Providence	George Castro	50%
21	Cranston	Bambino Schiapo	38%
22	Cranston	Anthony DeLuca	50%
23	Cranston	Robert Bianchini	63%
24	Cranston	Paul Durfee	88%
25	Cranston	Joseph DeLorenzo	50%
26	Cranston	William Henry	63%
27	Cranston	Irving Levin	50%
28	Cranston	William P. McKenna	38%
29	Warwick	Marion Donnelly	75%
30	Warwick	Paul Sherlock	38%
31	Warwick	Anthony Carcieri	63%
32	Warwick	Michael D'Ambr	50%
33	Warwick	Helena McDermott	63%
34	Warwick	Kevin McCarthy	75%
35	Warwick	Zygmunt Friedmann	50%
36	Warw., N.K.	Lorraine Kane	63%
37	Warwick	Marguerite Maigret	75%
38	West Warw.	Thomas Lamb	63%
39	W.W., Warw.	Robert Carley	25%
40	West Warw.	Robert S. Tucker	38%
41	Coventry	John Assalone	13%
42	Coventry	Francis Sherman	63%
43	E. Greenw.	Stephen Deutsch	100%
44	N. Kings.	John McFarland	00%
45	N. Kings.	Harold Cutting	75%
46	Jamestown	Norma Willis	88%
47	S. Kings.	Charles Wright	13%
48	S. Kings.	James Aukerman	63%
49	Exe., S.K.	John Hamilton	75%
50	Westerly	Henry Boeniger	63%
51	Westerly	Edward Morrone	63%
52	Charlestown	John Gilman	50%
53	Coventry	Bradford Gorham	75%
54	Glocester	Richard Blaine	38%
55	Johnston	John Vanner	50%
56	Johnston	Donald Perry	63%
57	Smithfield	Joseph DeAngelis	63%
58	Lincoln	George Kilsey	13%
59	Lincoln	Robert B. Tucker	25%
60	Burrill.	Lester Sherman	25%
61	N. Smith.	Albert Vanasse	38%
62	Woonsocket	Albert Brien	63%
63	Woonsocket	Richard Kearns	25%
64	Woonsocket	Camillo Pierannunzi	63%
65	Woonsocket	Roger Begin	25%
66	Woonsocket	Charles Baldelli	25%
67	Cumb., Woon.	Donald Large	50%
68	Cumberland	Frederick Crowley	63%
69	Cumberland	William Hobson	38%
70	N. Prov.	Frank Anzeveno	63%
71	N. Prov.	Vincent Mesolella	63%

72	Cen. Falls	Maurice Hamel	63%
73	Cen. Falls	Robert Brousseau	50%
74	Pawtucket	R. Kevin Horan	50%
75	Pawtucket	William Durand	63%
76	Pawtucket	John Harwood	00%
77	Pawtucket	Andrew McConnell	NA
78	Pawtucket	George Panichas	00%
79	Pawtucket	Robert Lynch	13%
80	Pawtucket	Maurice Caron	13%
81	Pawtucket	Mary McMahon	75%
82	East Prov.	William Drapeau	63%
83	East Prov.	Joseph Quattrucci	50%
84	East Prov.	Henry Connors	63%
85	East Prov.	Antonio SaoBento	63%
86	East Prov.	George Caruolo	50%
87	Barrington	Arthur Read	50%
88	Barrington	Ann Hanson	63%
89	Warren	Michael Urban	63%
90	Bristol	Gaetano Parella	38%
91	Bristol	Thomas Byrnes	38%
92	Tiverton	Edward Smith	63%
93	Portsmouth	Jesse Ferreira	13%
94	Little Com.	Allen Wiant	50%
95	Middletown	Bruce Long	88%
96	Middletown	Stephan Erickson	100%
97	Newport	Jeffrey Teitz	38%
98	Newport	Jeanne O'Rourke	63%
99	Newport	Christopher Boyle	63%
100	Newport	Paul Crowley	63%

We thank the Women's Political Caucus for providing us with this information.

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DR. D.

Dear Dr. D.:

I am a recently divorced mother of two young children, a boy who is five and a girl who is three. I am concerned about how my sexuality may affect my children. Is anything known on this subject?

Because openly gay parenting is a relatively recent occurrence over the past decade, there have not been any long-term studies. From the information I could find, however, I don't think you have much to worry about. Dr. Ghazala Javaid, Director of Outpatient Child Psychiatry at Nassau County Medical Center and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, recently conducted a small study of the children of lesbian mothers. She interviewed 28 children and their homosexual mothers and compared these interviews with those of another set of 28 children living with their divorced heterosexual mothers. Children from both groups seemed to identify with heterosexual role models. Both sets of children had similar attitudes toward marriage and raising families. Mothers in both groups acknowledged greater conflicts in handling sons rather than daughters - problems consistent with raising father-absent boys. The boys had difficulty identifying with or understanding their mothers' sexuality. While many children in the straight parent group used "moving out to live with father" as an escape fantasy, the boys in the lesbian mothers groups showed a trend of moving away from the mother in actuality and in fantasy somewhat more often than the boys in the straight parent group and the girls in both groups. Girls of lesbian mothers may experience dissonance, being presented with an alternative role model. Their exposure to the homosexual environment may panic them as their own homosexual fantasies are stimulated. "They feel threatened and frightened about their sexuality", Dr. Javaid said, "uneasy about their closeness in their relationships with their best girlfriends". For some, an exaggerated attempt to repress any sexuality may be more comfortable. To date, there does not seem to be any convincing evidence that children of gay parents grow up with more anxieties or psychological maladjustments. One of the most overriding sources of tension within such families was the pressure the children felt trying to hide their mothers' lifestyle. The disclosure was kept from peers and paternal relatives for fear of loss of maternal custody. If one is a loving and caring parent, you will ultimately gain the love and trust of your children and overcome the crises that are bound to occur.

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BOOK

Burton Louis

What Happened to Mr. Forster? by Gary W. Bargar. Clarion Books (Houghton Mifflin), c1981. 169p. \$8.95. available at Children's Room, Providence Public Library or ordered through Dorr-War Bookstore.



Children's literature has usually been filled with sugar and spice and everything nice. This rose colored world view has changed in the past decade as sex has appeared in fiction written for pre-teens (ages 11 to 13). Authors Judy Blume and Norma Klein have ruffled concerns of adults by presenting sex as a positive experience and emotion. But homosexuality has been a taboo subject. Gary Bargar's first novel, *What Happened to Mr. Forster?*, is an attempt to broach the subject of homosexuality in a juvenile novel. Published by Houghton Mifflin, a major publisher of juvenile literature and educational textbooks, this novel presents a positive, non-stereotypical gay character. Set in Kansas City in the late 1950's, the story focuses on Billy Louis Lamb. He is entering the sixth grade with a new male teacher, Mr. Forster. Billy Louis is a shy, sensitive boy who wants to change his image and standing with his classmates. In Mr. Forster, Billy Louis finds a person who understands and is willing to help him change. Problems arise when an overbearing parent believes that Mr. Forster is ridiculing her daughter. She learns that he is unmarried and is living with a male roommate. Local gossip fosters accusations and innuendos and leads to Mr. Forster's dismissal. Billy Louis is confronted with the "adult" subject of homosexuality while being told that he'll understand when he's older. He rejects this advice and comes to grips with the nature and diversity of human relationships. As well as dealing with the subject of a homosexual teacher, *What Happened to Mr. Forster?* is an entertaining juvenile novel that presents a realistic view of the teaching profession.

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NIGHT

Nancy Bennett

Women "took back the night" at the 4th annual "Take Back The Night" march, Sat., Oct. 2. This was our annual march against Rape, Violence, and Harrassment. We started from the State House lawn at 8 p.m. and marched through the streets of downtown Providence for a total of 2.4 miles, winding up at the U.R.I. Extension building. The march was followed by a rally and a block fair, where we were joined by a few children and gentle men. There were about 22 supportive organizations at the tables around the edges of the Student Union.

There were several poignant poems read, interspersed by short speeches by women from the community. These were followed by some powerful songs performed by very talented women. We ended the rally with a sing-a-long of such songs as Holly Near's "Fight Back".

Among those of us marching at the rally, the air was charged with the power and elation of hundreds of women banded together for a common cause. We chanted: "We will fight back!", "Gay, straight, black, white; same struggle, same fight", and "Yes means yes, no means no; however we may dress, wherever we may go". These were just a few of the chants ringing through the streets as we marched for our common goal: to make the streets safe for women, children, the elderly, and the handicapped; in other words, for ALL of us. This unity produced the most fantastic non-chemical high I have ever experienced. I think everyone who was there shared my feeling of exhilaration. It was really GREAT!!

We hope to see ALL of you women at the march next year. Let's take a stand and make a real impact on the men out there. Speaking out really does make a difference. I have heard favorable comments all week (one from a prospective Congressman campaigning at the factory where I work) on my "Take Back The Night" shirts. So let's increase our numbers and really make an impression on the people out in the community who put us down as "kooks". When the numbers get big enough, the "crazies" become SANE. See you next year.



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Falcons have club nite the 1st. Sat. each month and business meetings on the 3rd Weds. Contact: Walter at 725-4516.

TRIDENTS meet every 3rd Sat. of each mo. at the Loft, 9:30 pm to 2:00 am.

Gay AA meets every Tues. at 8 p.m. at St. Stephens, 114 George St., Prov. Contact Tom at 333-1396.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH services occur every Sun. at 7 pm, Bible Study on Mon. at 7:30 pm. Call Rev. McDermott for more info at 272-9247

TRANVESTITES/TRANSEXUALS meetings every Weds. at 8 pm. Contact: George McDermott at 272-9247.

RI GAY/LESBIAN YOUTH meets every Sat. at 1 pm. Contact: George McDermott at 272-9247

WOMEN'S GROWTH CENTER has a potluck-brunch every 3rd Sun. at 12pm. They also offer two free support groups for lesbians 30 +, one days, one eves. An adult incest group co-led by a lesbian and heterosexual therapist is forming. For info on these and other groups and workshops which are upcoming, call Irene LeFebvre at 728-6023

WOMEN'S LIBERATION UNION meetings/potluck are held the 1st Tues. of each month at 6:30 pm, FRU House, 903 Broad St., Prov. All women welcome.

LESBIAN FEMINIST UNION meets every other Thurs. at FRU House, 903 Broad St., Prov. at 8 pm. This month: Nov. 4 and 18

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On-going lesbian rap group, Wednesday evenings at Professional Services for Women. For information, call Marjorie Moskoll, 351-2077.

VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you are interested in working on the staff of OPTIONS, contact us! 421-5942

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN meets the 3rd Weds. of each month. Call 231-4197 for time and place.

WOMEN HIKERS! We're having fun, building strength, and enjoying the countryside. Our first hikes are relatively short -- they'll get longer as we get stronger. Come and join us. Our next hike will be Sun. Nov. 14 in the Johnston area. We'll cover 3 1/2 miles and take approximately 2 1/2 - 3 hours. Rendezvous at 9:30 am in the parking lot at MacDonald's at Rt. 6 (Hartford Ave.) and Rt. 5 (Atwood Ave.). For more info call Denise at 273-2063.

MUSIC & ART!!!!!!!!!!

An evening of music and art featuring the music of Charlie Murphy and Jami Sieber, and an art exhibit by women from the Rhode Island Feminist Community.

Date: November 6, 1982

Place: U.R.I. Extension (Corner Gaspee and Promenade Streets), Providence

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Cost: \$5.00

Co-sponsored by Women Against Violence Against Women and the Rhode Island Men's Collective

Charlie Murphy will be making his second visit to R.I. as part of his 6th National Tour. Charlie will be performing with Jami Sieber as part of an evening that joins together art and music. The Art Show/Concert is being co-sponsored by Women Against Violence Against Women and the Rhode Island Men's Collective.

Rhode Island's only Women's Music show, 'Woman to Woman', WRIU 90.5 FM, is looking for, you guessed it, a few good women to share the fun and responsibility of producing an hour length Women's Music and issues radio program weekly. You will not only learn a lot about Women's Music, you will learn how to disc jockey (learning this very marketable skill through college radio is the painless and cheap way to do it). The program airs Tuesday nights from 8 - 9 p.m. from the URI radio station in the Student Union, Kingston. If you're interested in having a lot of fun and learning a skill at the same time, call Cheryl during the show at 792-2381 or leave a message for her at the station so she can get back to you. And if you don't want to be a DJ, then be a fan and tune in. It is interesting and relaxing and occasionally crazy. And it's all for us.

WROR FM has a gay issues, news, and music program Sun. eves, 11:30 -12:00.

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THE REV. DR. PAUL G. GILLESPIE

Executive Minister

June 25, 1979

Dear Marge,

Upon returning from a month-long time of study in the Middle East, I discovered that you are leaving Rhode Island and that I had missed your testimonial on the 13th (I arrived about midnight that night). I trust that this move represents a real opportunity of advancement for you and that this is a "good" event in your life and also for your family.

I hope we can get together before you leave. However, do know of my appreciation for you and for your ministry. Knowing full-well how much expense is involved in moving, I did want to send a small check to the church for you. Am making this out to MCC, but it is a personal gift of appreciation for you and make sure it is directed accordingly.

May Our Lord direct your way.

Warmly in Christ,

Paul Gillespie

Staff minister of the Mother Church in Los Angeles sounds like quite an advancement. You will have to tell me about it.

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